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SUBJECT: 17TH IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE: ELECTIONS TO  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SUMMARY: FIFTEEN STATES, ALL UNOPPOSED, ARE RUNNING  
FOR ELECTION TO IAEA BOARD ON CLOSING DAY OF 17TH  
GENERAL CONFERENCE. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION  
TO SUPPORT AREA CHOICES.

1. AS RESULT OF THE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF IAEA  
STATUTE WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE IN JUNE, BOARD OF  
GOVERNORS WHICH TAKES OFFICE AT END OF 17TH GENERAL  
CONFERENCE WILL HAVE 34 INSTEAD OF PRESENT 25 MEMBERS.  
TWELVE MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE  
PRESENT BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMENDED STATUTE  
(IAEA VIENNA 4951). FOUR OTHERS, (ARGENTINA, INDOENSIA,  
MEXICO, AND SAUDI ARABIA) WERE ELECTED IN 1972 TO  
TWO-YEAR TERMS AND THEREFORE CONTINUE TO SIT ON THE  
NEW BOARD. A TOTAL OF 18 SEATS REMAIN TO BE FILLED  
BY ELECTION ON THE CLOSING DAY OF THE GC (PROBABLY  
SEPT 24).

2. SO FAR 15 STATES HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR CANDIDACIES  
FOR 15 DIFFERENT SEATS, SO THAT TO DATE THERE ARE  
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NO CONTESTED SEATS. ON THE CONTRARY, THREE SEATS,

ALL REPRESENTING THE AFRICAN REGION, HAVE AS YET NO CANDIDATES TO FILL THEM. CANDIDATES WILL PROBABLY BE CHOSEN BY THE AFRICAN REGIONAL GROUP, WHICH TRADITIONALLY DOES NOT MEET UNTIL THE OPENING DAY OF THE GC.

3. IN PICKING THEIR CANDIDATES THIS YEAR, REGIONAL GROUPS HAVE HAD AN ADDITIONAL (ALTHOUGH HOPEFULLY ONE-TIME) PROBLEM. EACH REGION WITH ELECTIVE SEATS TO BE FILLED WAS ASKED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO VOLUNTEER ONE OR TWO CANDIDATES TO SERVE FOR ONE YEAR INSTEAD OF STATUTORY TWO. THIS WAS IN ORDER TO ENABLE 1974 GC TO FILL ELEVEN SEATS (ONE-HALF OF ALL ELECTIVE SEATS), THUS ENSURING EQUAL ANNUAL TURNOVER ON THE BOARD (SEE IAEA VIENNA A-441 FOR BACKGROUND). DESPITE WIDESPREAD SKEPTICISM THAT AGENCY'S 102 MEMBERS COULD EVER AGREE TO SACRIFICE THEIR OWN INTERESTS, MEMBERS HAVE RESPONDED EXTREMELY WELL. FIVE OF THE NECESSARY SEVEN VOLUNTEERS HAVE COME FORWARD. THE OTHER TWO WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND AMONG THE FOUR AFRICAN CANDIDATES WHEN THOSE ARE KNOWN.

4. CANDIDATES SO FAR ANNOUNCED AND LENGTH OF TERM THEY HAVE AGREED TO SERVE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

LATIN AMERICA:

CHILE (ONE YEAR)

COSTA RICA (TWO YEARS)

PERU (TWO YEARS)

WESTERN EUROPE:

DENMARK (ONE YEAR)

IRELAND (ONE YEAR)

SWEDEN (TWO YEARS)

SWITZERLAND (TWO YEARS)

EASTERN EUROPE:

BULGARIA (TWO YEARS)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA (ONE YEAR)

HUNGARY (TWO YEARS)

AFRICA:

SUDAN

3 OTHER SEATS FOR WHICH NO CANDIDATES HAVE COME

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FORWARD.

MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA:

PAKISTAN (TWO YEARS)

FAR EAST:

KOREA (TWO YEARS)

MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA, SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE

PACIFIC, AND THE FAR EAST (MULTI-AREA SEAT):  
PHIPLIPPINES (TWO YEARS)

MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA, SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND THE  
PACIFIC, AND AFRICA (MULTI-AREA SEAT):  
LEBANON (ONE YEAR)

5. ACTION REQUESTED: AS ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE THE  
UNOPPOSED CHOICES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AREAS THEY  
WILL REPRESENT ON THE BOARD, AUTHORIZATION IS RE-  
QUESTED FOR THE USDEL TO VOTE FOR THEIR ELECTION.  
AUTHORIZATION IN SIMILARLY REQUESTED TO VOTE FOR THE  
CHOICES OF THE AFRICAN AREA WHEN THOSE ARE KNOWN.PORTER

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